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Appeal No.: 2004-0961
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5, 8-16, 19-27 and 30-38 were pending in this application. Claims 38 has been amended. Claim 39 has been added. Claims 1-37 have been cancelled. Hence, claims 38 and 39 are pending after entry of the amendments herein. Reconsideration of the subject application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claim 38 includes several features not taught or suggested by the cited references. For example, claim 38 includes "determining the DN relating to the subscriber line ... [and] correlating the DN to a plurality of stored subscriber profiles to determine the subscriber profile relating to the DN," taught at page 7 of Applicants' specification. Kung does not teach using a DN to locate the subscriber profile. Further, doing so could not be considered inherent since the subscriber's profile could be located in any of a number of different ways. Thus, claim 38 is believed to be allowable, at least for this reason.

In addition to the limitations of claim 38, claim 39 includes "receiving a pass code relating to a different subscriber ... [and] using the pass code to locate a different stored subscriber profile," which is not taught by the cited references. Thus, claim 39 is believed to be allowable, at least for this additional reason.

CONCLUSION

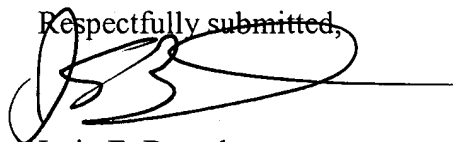
In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of
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Respectfully submitted,

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